DRINKING WATER FOR COASTAL AREAS

*967. [54] **Sri. A. P. Udayabhanu**: May I know from the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works and Communications.—

The Government's plan regarding the construction of tube wells for supplying drinking water in the coastal areas of the State ?

Chief Minister (**Sri. C. Kesavan**): Government's idea is to construct tube wells in the coastal areas, wherever possible, according to availability of funds and technical resources. Five tube-wells have already been constructed in the places mentioned below.—

1. Ayiramthengu,
2. Parayakadavoo,
3. Vallikavoo,
4. Alumkadavu,
5. Kandallur.

Ten more wells are proposed to be constructed in the year 1951 in the coastal regions between Quilon and Alleppey.

RURAL ELECTRIC SUPPLY

*968. [55] **Sri. A. P. Udayabhanu**: May I know from the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works and Communications the areas in the Karthikapally and Karunagapally taluks to which electric supply is being extended under the rural electricity supply scheme ?

Chief Minister (**Sri. C. Kesavan**): Panmana in Karunagapalli taluk and Cheppad and Nangiarkulangara in Karthigapalli taluk.

PROHIBITION

*969. [58] **Sri. N. V. Chacko**: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Industries be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there are any direction, instructions or advice from the Central Government that (1) prohibition should not be extended to further areas (2) prohibition should be abolished when it has already been introduced;

(*b*) the total amount lost annually to the revenue by introducing prohibition already; and

(*c*) the annual income from arrack, toddy, etc., from areas where prohibition has not been introduced ?

Chief Minister (**Sri. C. Kesavan**):

(*a*) It will not be in the public interests to disclose, the contents of the correspondence between the Central Government and the State Government in such matters.

(*b*) Rs. 78 lakhs.

(*c*) Rs. 222 lakhs.

THOVALA CHANNEL

*970. [61] **Sri. A. Gabriel Nadar**: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Thovala channel is proposed to be improved;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the nature of improvement contemplated ?

Chief Minister (**Sri. C. Kesavan**):

(*a*) Yes:

(*b*) Repairing scorus to earth work, lining the bed with concrete and providing toe walls or masonry lining to sides of canal wherever necessary.

ROADS IN SOUTH TRAVANCORE

*971. [63] **Sri. A. Gabriel Nadar**: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

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